

EXPENDITURES

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| To order No 56, K J. McClure, Chicago. rent, | 20 00 |
| " No 57, J. O. Talley, " | 20 00 |
| To cash paid direct to J O. Talley, | 32 94 |
| To fuel, Chicago Mission, | 4 40 |
| To light, " | 1 20 |
| To cash paid direct to W. M. Lyon, | 53 96 |
| To order 58, Z. H. Copp, Dayton, Ohio, | 5 00 |
| To order 59, W. M. Lyon, | 20 00 |

\$157 50

RECEIPTS

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| Total receipts for April, | \$169 99 |
| Amount previously reported, | 1213 96 |

\$1383 95

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| Total expenditures for April, | \$157 50 |
| Expenses previously reported, | 1208 34 |

\$1365 84

Cash in treasury, \$18 11

Notes: If any contributions are not reported whether made direct to the secretary or thru others, contributors will greatly oblige me if they will call my attention to it.

The receipts came near covering the expenses the past month but the Board is still behind some with its accounts. The brethren will kindly bear this in mind.

JACOB C. CASSEL,
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

Church News

Out West

The Carleton church is getting ready to paint the church and parsonage, and in other ways fix up for spring work. Paul said, "let all things be done decently and in order," and this has an application to things physical as well as things spiritual. The church is God's house and it should be taken care of and kept in the best possible condition, but there are some people who think any thing is good enough for the preacher and the church. Keep the churches and grave yards in good condition. We expect to hold our love feast in Carleton on the 28th.

I again speak for the evangelist. The winter is past and the time of singing birds has come, there need be no excuse now about the weather. Reed wrote a novel called "Put yourself in his place." It would be a good thing for some in this district to put themselves in the place of the evangelist. If so there would be a cry for means. Brethren keep along this way. It is needed, and remember our coming conference, let us have a good one. Hamlin is a mighty good place to have a conference. They will treat you nice, and you can do us good.

Did you ever meet a Christian pouter, or let me say a professor who pouts, what a pity! I knew of a boy who used to pout, and he would creep into an old cupboard and hide until he got done pouting. What a good thing if the pouters would crawl into some church cupboard and hide until they got over the pouts, but you have to bear with them and some day if they are not converted the devil will bear them away.

So the church is getting acquainted with Dr. Dowie. There are some things I admire about Dr. Dowie, but his abuse and tom-

foolery I do not admire. I could not accept his teachings as a whole, and did not. Yet there are members who condemned me and kicked me, and I believe would have excommunicated me if they could because I criticised Dr. Dowie. Now you are finding out the Christian Catholic church is making inroads and you kick. The time to kick was a good while ago. The Christian Alliance and the Christian Catholic church are both working to get the Progressives, and in some places are succeeding.

Now I believe in divine healing, that assertion will surprise some people, but I do. At the same time I exercise common sense with it. I believe the Bible teaches common sense. It is not common sense to denounce divine healing, when we believe and practice anointing of oil as taught by James. We have it in the church and need not go outside to get it. Yet in place of calling for the elders and complying with the divine teaching they run after some so called faith healer.

While believing in divine healing, I also believe that there are times when faith must be shown by works. Two cases, a boy fell and was taken in the house said to be overcome by the heat. Some of us are aware that he had been sucking beer from a keg. Now prayer and faith is all right, but he needed a stomach pump, or its equivalent. A woman not far from my appointment had prayer by her bedside. I am told it was a case of retained placenta, resulting in fever. The woman died and left a family of little children. The cause of the trouble needed removal. Scientific help was the thing to give. It was not contrary to prayer, it would have been in harmony with it.

Let us trust God, obey his commands, and we will have health and protection.

JOHN DUKE McFADEN.

Roann and Mexico Snap-shots

At the last quarterly meetings each of our churches gave your unworthy servant a call for the third year's work. We hope to make it better than any year past, for we should either merit or forever renounce our title—Progressive.

During the latter part of June we expect a few of our ministerial brethren to be with us in a Bible convention—one to be held at each place. An ounce of "teach" is worth a pound of "preach." O, how few study the Word of God wherein is eternal life. Some don't read it at all. Some read it from habit. Some read it to study. Herein alone is it worth while. O thou Bible! Thou blessed Word! Thou Word of God sent from heaven! Who can count the blessings thou hast brought to the children of men. We sink under our sins and thou pointest us to Calvary where we see them nailed to the cross. We feel our utter worthlessness and thou singest:

"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

Clouds and darkness fall about us and thou liftest up our heads and behold! it is

the chastisement of love. We step down into the dark valley and thou dost shout, "O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?" O Book of books! Thou alone canst fully cheer on this pilgrimage in a desert land! Then I would love thee more, treasure thee more, yea, kiss thee with the kisses of my mouth and cover thee with tears of joy.

Our churches are moving along slowly and we can feel that among a few there is a getting deeper into Christ—a drawing nearer to God. O, the sweetness of a life hid in Christ! Others are plodding along the way and some are—I was about to say *dead*, but never give up so long as there is hope.

On next Monday, the 15th, I leave here for Brighton, where I go to hold a several weeks' meeting. I expect to direct my words mostly to the church itself. I feel that there is great need of spiritual growth among all our people. When we once get in earnest about our professions the college will cease to suffer, and our missions will cease to beg for dollars and cents. Earnestness! Brethren, get in earnest! Nothing will compensate for sheer earnestness!

The EVANGELIST has quite a large circulation among our members, and we have never heard aught but words of praise for it. We admire the intense earnestness of its editor, and the firm stand he takes against social impurities. Especially do we admire the way he faces the rum fiend. God bless you, Brother Gnagey. "Stand like the brave with thy face to the foe." God and right will win the day, despite the talk of quibbling sophists and invertebrated church members.

We are in receipt of several denominational journals and laying all prejudice aside we consider ours among the best. We wish it were in every home. We have noticed that the church member who becomes shriveled, bigoted, cold, and anti-missionary, is the church member who does not read the church paper. As a factor for serving Christ and the church, the religious paper of the church is second to none. The pastor who always has an appreciative, informed and responsive people, is the pastor who is a friend to the church paper and sees that it pays its regular weekly visits to the homes of his parish. But we must close for this time. Adieu.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Roann, Ind.

Holsingerisms, No. 26

"Not dead, but gone before," is the reply I received from a sister lately when I spoke in mournful tones of the death of my dear old friend and brother, Dr. U. M. Beachly, of Meyersdale, Penna., of which I had just been apprised by his pastor, Brother Knepper. That is, no doubt, a rational and philosophical view of the subject of the death of the righteous; but I do not readily see the brighter side of sad occasions. I am disposed with Mary the sister of Lazarus, to indulge in the rueful thoughts, "If thou hadst been here, my brother had not died,"